

Session, provided the copy is furnished, as I presume it can be, from what I have seen of it, in the hands of the gentlemen who have it in charge.

So far as it regards my concerns, it is important, to know, if possible, the disposition of the Legislature, as to the rapidity with which the work should be executed. If it be time enough to have it in readiness by the next annual Session, my arrangements would be materially different, in what they would be, if an extra-Session was contemplated during the Summer, devoted to this exclusive subject.

The view of the compilers, upon this subject, I am in possession of.—As to the printing, I should suppose, that there would be no difficulty in progressing with sufficient rapidity.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't. serv't.

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Your Committee, will add, that they have every reason to believe, that the whole work will be printed and ready to be submitted to the next General Assembly. They also take occasion to say, that from the specimens they have examined, they are of opinion, that the work, when completed, will prove highly satisfactory to the public.

As to the mode and time to be adopted, by the Legislature, in acting on the Revision, your Committee will say, that they deem it a subject of much importance, and from the diversity of practice in the different States, it would seem of some difficulty to settle. Pennsylvania, now engaged in revising her Statutes, has adopted the course of having separate Titles completed, before the rest of the work has been matured, and of presenting them immediately to the Legislature, for its consideration and final action. Therefore each Session acts upon part of the work without bringing the whole before them. The same plan was previously adopted in New York;—but, in this State, both from the Resolutions of the Legislature, and from the course which has been thus far pursued, it seems to have been the general understanding, that, with the exception of the Constitution, which requires two sessions for final action, the entire work shall be completed before any part of it is reported to the General Assembly. Your Committee are of opinion, that this latter course is not without its advantages.

It would seem that the Legislature can act more advantageously upon part of the work, by having the whole before it.